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Serial No.: 09/549,848

Art Unit: 1638

Filed: April 14, 2000

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For: **NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES TO
PROTEINS INVOLVED IN
TOCOPHEROL SYNTHESIS**

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (Paper No. 14) mailed June 14, 2001 in the above-captioned matter, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 4, please delete the paragraph spanning lines 3-4, and replace it with the following amended version:

Figure 1 provides an amino acid sequence alignment between ATPT2, ATPT3, ATPT4, ATPT8, and ATPT12 (SEQ ID NOs: 2, 4, 6, 12 and 17, respectively), performed using ClustalW.

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Inventors: Michael W. LASSNER *et al.*
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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) are the following documents:

1. Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment;
2. Fee Transmittal Form;
3. Check No. 200509 for extra claims fees (two additional claims over 20) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.16(c); and
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Sincerely,

June E. Cohan (Reg. No. 43,741)

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